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The present invention allows a buffer portion to sufficiently restrain the vibration of ink in a print head. To achieve this, the buffer portion is disposed close to a channel between a common chamber and an ejection opening and is filled with at least one bubble, and then excess of the at least one bubble is removed through the ejection opening.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 11 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 3-10 and 12-18 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of Claims 1, 3-10 and 12-18, showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

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1. (Amended) A method of filling a buffer portion in a print head with at least one bubble, using a print head comprising a plurality of ejection openings through which ink is ejected, a plurality of channels that are each in communication with a corresponding one of the plurality of ejection openings, a common liquid chamber for supplying ink to the plurality of channels, a buffer portion located at end of an arrangement direction of said channels to restrain vibration of ink in said common liquid chamber which